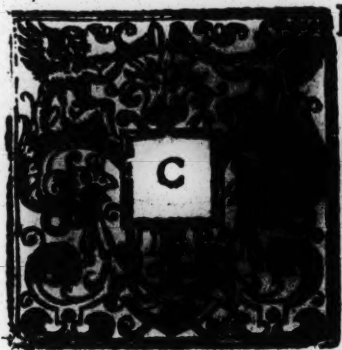


# A PROCLAMATION

Against Importing of CORNS.

Edinburgh, the fourth day of May, one thousand six hundred and seventy one.



**C**HARLES by the grace of GOD, King of Great Britain, France and Ireland, defender of the Faith: To Officers or Messengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and severally, specially constitute, greeting: Forasmuch as when Native Commodities, and in special Corne, are of that plenty within this Kingdom, that Our Subjects are, and may be provided and furnished with the same, at reasonable rates and prices; the Importing thereof from other Countreys, will be a great prejudice to the Kingdom: And albeit such Corne of the growth of the Kingdom as are in use to be Imported from Forraign parts, are under the prices mentioned in the eleventh Act of the third Session of Our first Parliament, allowing the Exporting of Corne when there is no scarcety and dearth, and when the same are under the prices foresaids; nevertheless divers persons do, and may Import Corne from Forraign parts, unless they be restrained. Therefore we, with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, have thought fit to restrain and discharge, and hereby do restrain and discharge the Importing of any Corne into this Kingdom, after publication hereof, under the pain of confiscation of the saids corne, with the Ships and Vessels in which the same shall happen to be Imported, the one half thereof to belong to Us, and the other half to the discoverer; besides the inflicting and imposing of such Censures, Punishments and Fines upon the persons guilty, as the Lords of Our Privy Council shall think fit. And Ordains all Sheriffs, Stewarts, Bailiffs of Regalties, Magistrates of Burghs, Justices of Peace, and other persons in Authority under Us, to seize upon all such Corne and Vessels, for the use foresaid, and to Imprison the persons of the Merchants and Masters of the Vessels, while they be proceeded against according to Law. And Ordains these presents to stand and continue in force, ay and while the same be expressly discharged by Us, or the Lords of Our Privy Council. And that the same be printed and published at the Mercat-crosses of Edinburgh, Glasgow, Air, Dundee, Aberdene, and other places needful, that none pretend ignorance.

*Al. Gibson, Cl. S<sup>u</sup> Concilii.*

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